(d) the final decision taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) Under the liberalised industrial policy regime, setting up of industries including agro based, forest based and mineral based industries depends upon the commercial perception of the entrepreneurs which in turn, depends on the initiatives taken by the State Government/Union Territories in terms of availability of conducive economic infrastructure, Central Government supplements their efforts through Central Schemes and incentives.

(c) and (d) No such proposal from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh has been received.

India's share in World Trade

4435. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India's share in World Trade is around 0.6 per cent;

(b) whether it is much below the desired level; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to take our share in World Trade to the required level ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Continuous efforts are being made by the Government of india to increase our share in the world trade. Measures to increase our share in the world trade include multilateral and bilateral initiatives and identification of thrust sectors and focus regions as well as simplification of procedures. India's external trade sector has been further liberalised with the changes introduced in the Exim Policy for 1997-2002. The amendments to the Exim Policy for the current year focus on improvement of export competitiveness and minimising the transaction costs and delays, which would further enhance India's exports.

Abolition of Department of Supply

4436. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to abolish the Department of Supply and place the DGS & D under some other existing Department ;

(b) whether Government have proposed to place the employees of DGS & D at the disposal of different Departments and Ministries ;

(c) if so, what progress has so for been made in the matter ; and

(d) by when a final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (c) While the Government has under its consideration the question of restructuring of Department of Supply/DGS &D, no final decision has been taken in the matter. Details such as the placement of DGS &D and its employees under a different Department/Ministry would be finalised at the appropriate time in the light of the Government decision on the main issue of restructuring.

(d) No definite time frame has been drawn up.

Export-oriented Units in NER

4437. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the details of export-oriented units functioning at present in the NER state-wise ;

(b) whether Government propose to set up export-oriented units in NER, particularly where no such unit is functioning;

(c) if so the details thereof ; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) One Export Oriented Unit (EOU) is functioning in Assam and three in Sikkim. Although three EOUs have been approved in Meghalaya and one in Tripura but none of them is functioning.

(b) and (c) EOUs are set up by private enterprise and approvals are accorded as per EXIM Policy. Government acts only as a facilitator for their implementation.

(d) The Government is organising seminars/open houses to publicise the scheme in consultation with State Governments.

Items Exported from NER

4438. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the details of exported from the States of NER during the last five years;

(b) the details of amount of foreign exchange earned through export of these items; and